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Grand Rapids Area Pre-College Engineering Program (GRAPCEP)

The Grand Rapids Area Pre-College Engineering Program (GRAPCEP) has been established to help meet the need for well-trained engineers and scientists for growing businesses of West Michigan and to increase the number of historically under-represented populations in these career fields.

Description

The program introduces Grand Rapids area students, grades 6 through 12, to careers in the engineering and technical fields as possible career choices. GRAPCEP has formed working partnerships with the Grand Rapids Public Schools, area businesses, and institutions of higher education. The program offers its students engineering-, science-, and mathematics-based programs on Saturdays, during the summer, and in school. In addition, GRAPCEP students are involved in career exploration, job shadowing, internships, field trips, and science fairs.

Eligibility

In order for students to participate in the Saturday and summer programs, they must successfully complete the following phases of the selection process: (1) application, (2) teacher recommendation, and (3) personal interview. To be accepted into the GRAPCEP Program, students must have a 2.60 or better grade point average and score well in social and work habits.

Funding

The Michigan Legislature has designated \$382,200 of General Fund/General Purpose funding for use by the GRAPCEP Program. GRAPCEP must submit quarterly reports to the MDCD. Funds are allocated on an annual basis starting in October of each year.

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